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ATTENTION CERTIFIED PROVIDERS

In response to the Governor's emergency declaration, on March 20, 2020 the SOMB submitted a Temporary Suspension of Rules request to the Division of Financial Management (see attached), which was later approved by the Governor's Office. Specifically, the SOMB requested the temporary suspension of the following administrative rules regarding renewal of certification:

- Rule 331.01: requirement to submit applications for renewal 30 days prior to expiration
- Rule 331.02: requirement to remove providers from roster who fail to timely renew their certification
- Rule 332.04: requirement to pay a fee to extend time to complete continuing education credits
- Rule 333: requirement that the certification period is for 2 years

The SOMB's administrative rules are posted on the SOMB webpage.

The SOMB recognized the difficulty providers may face in obtaining continuing education credits required for renewal during the COVID-19 pandemic and took this emergency action to allow our certified providers to continue to provide services without interruption. Providers are encouraged to pursue continuing education courses that are available online.

The SOMB will not be processing renewal applications while these rules are suspended. If your certification is set to expire while these rules are suspended, your certification will remain active and your name will remain on the list of active SOMB certified providers. After the Governor's emergency declaration is lifted, the SOMB will notify providers who have been impacted by this temporary rule suspension when applications for renewal are due.

The SOMB is monitoring this situation daily and will continue to update you on any changes that may impact your certification. If you have any questions, the best way to contact the SOMB is by email: somb@idoc.idaho.gov.

Take Care,

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